Woman's Board of Home Missions
of the
Presbyterian Church in the United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

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December 20, 1922.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD

In compliance with the following action taken at the meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions December 19, 1922, I am enclosing a ballot giving the eight geographical regions for the new Board of National Missions. You will please fill in so far as you can the desired number of names of women in these areas. It is necessary that this information be returned to the office immediately. The Board requests that this matter be held entirely confidential.

NATIONAL BOARD OF MISSIONS - NOMINATIONS OF WOMEN FOR

"The President, Mrs. F. S. Bennett, brought to the attention of the Board that the Committee on Reorganization of the Boards and Agencies of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. had indicated unofficially that it would be glad to receive suggestions for nominations for women on the new Board of National Missions.

It was recommended from the floor:

> That a ballot indicating the districts of the country from which representatives are to be selected for the National Board of Missions be sent to each member of the Woman's Board with the request that the names of fifteen women be filled in according to the number indicated for each geographical section; that the office send to Dr. Taylor as this Board's suggested nominations a list of fifteen women receiving a majority vote on the Board members ballots.

VOTED that this recommendation be approved."

Lucy H. Dawson
General Secretary.

For Proposed Board of 72 Members

68 members

BALLOT OF WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

Colonial - 8 women	# Mrs. F. S. Bennett # Mrs. D. E. Waid Miss Emma Jessie Ogg # Mrs. H. C. Louderbough # Mrs. William Edgar Geil # Miss Elinor K. Purves Mrs. Ralph Harbison, Pittsburgh, Pa. Mrs. Edward Stinson, Baltimore, Md.
Middle West - 5 women	Mrs. John F. Dodge, Detroit, Mich Mrs. Robert T. Bates, Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Stanley Lewis, Cleveland, Ohio Miss Isabel Cooper, Howe, Indiana Mrs. Smith Comley, Cincinnati, Ohio
North Central - 2 women	Mrs. Henry C. Swearingen, St. Paul, Minn. Mrs. George Wellington Arms, Duluth, Minn.
South Central - 3 women	Mrs. John Spargar, Dallas, Texas Mrs. Seldon Spencer, St. Louis, Mo. Miss McCluny, St. Louis, Mo.
South - 2 women	Miss Mary Ashby Cheek, Dean Kentucky College for Women, Danville, Ky. Mrs. William Stevenson, Maryville, Tenn.
Southwest - 2 women	Mrs. Lynn White, San Anselmo, Cal. Mrs. Fred A. Wickett, Palo Alto, Cal.
Northwest - 2 women	Mrs. Harold F. Bowman, Wife of pastor of First Church Portland, Oregon. Mrs. Frank W. Hubbard, Seattle, Washington
Rocky Mountain - 2 women	Mrs. H. H. Seldomridge, Colorado Springs, Colo Mrs. Wayne S. Snoddy, Moscow, Idaho.

Present members of the Board.

12-20-22

B A L L O T

Colonial - 5 women	Synods of New England, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Baltimore, New York and Vermont (Welsh) Pennsylvania (Welsh) The West Indies
Middle West - 3 women	Synods of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, West German, Ohio and West Pennsylvania (Welsh) Wisconsin (Welsh)
North Central - 1 woman	Synods of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Minnesota (Welsh)
South Central - 2 women	Synods of Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahima, Kansas Nebraska, Western (Welsh)
South - 1 woman	Synods of Tennessee, Kentucky, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, West Virginia, Atlantic, Canadian Catawba, East Tennessee
Southwest - 1 woman	Synods of California, Arizona, New Mexico,
Northwest - 1 woman	Synods of Oregon, Washington, (including Alaska)
Rocky Mountain - 1 woman	Synods of Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Idaho

Kentucky College for Women
Danville, Kentucky

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 22, 1923.

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Mam News

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
Women's Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N, Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Your telegram concerning the proposal of my name for the Board of National Missions of the Church has reached me, and I hasten to acknowledge it. It would be hard for me to say how much I appreciate your thinking me worthy of membership on the Board. I accept with the greatest pleasure, but with the keenest sense of humiliation as well.

Being rather ignorant in regard to the new developement in connection with the National Board I shall need a great deal of education.

Please express my appreciation to the Women's Board of Home Missions for this expression of their confidence.

Cordially yours,

Mary Ashley Cheek.

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February 23, 1923.

To Mrs. Robert P. Bates

(Street and No.) 17 Scott Street

(Place) Chicago, Illinois.

Would regret greatly not having you as member of Board of National Missions STOP This Board will be made by consolidation of present Board of Home Missions Woman's Board of Home Missions Board of Missions for Freedmen Board of Church Erection and will carry on duties of said Board STOP Membership in Board is from all parts of the country so will meet but annually sitting probably for some days to consider policies STOP Detailed administration will no doubt be in care of an Executive Committee STOP Would it not be possible for you to reconsider declination

M. Katherine Bennett

SENDER'S ADDRESS FOR REFERENCE

SENDER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER

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The acccmpanying telegram was dispatched to the following:

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Mrs. D. E. Waid
Miss Annie Hyatt ~~Mrs. William Edgar Geil~~

Mrs. Robert T. Bates

Mrs. Stanley Lewis

Mrs. Henry C. Swearingin

Mrs. H. H. Seldomridge

Mrs. Thomas Ferris

Mrs. Seldon P. Spencer

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February 21, 1923.

To Mrs. William Edgar Geil (COPY)

(Street and No.) Doylestown

Pennsylvania

(Place)

THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS HAS TAKEN MUCH PLEASURE IN NOMINATING YOU AS A MEMBER OF THE NEW BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS WHICH BOARD WILL CONSIST OF TWENTY FIVE MEN AND FIFTEEN WOMEN AND WILL PROBABLY MEET ONCE EACH YEAR. WE URGE THAT YOU ACCEPT INVITATION THAT WILL REACH YOU FROM COMMITTEE ON REORGANIZATION.

(signed)
Woman's Board of Home Missions

M. Katharine Bennett
President.

SENDER'S ADDRESS FOR REFERENCE

SENDER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER

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Membership

March 5th, 1923.

Mrs. Henry C. Swearingen,
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Swearingen:-

Just a line this very busy morning to tell you how delighted I am that you have felt it possible to accept membership in the new Board of National Missions. I feel that you have much to bring to this Board in your knowledge of your section of the country and of ecclesiastical proceedure, and of the cause of Home Missions.

It will be a personal joy to have this opportunity to see you and to work with you.

We do not yet know when the Charter will be secured, nor

but I am sure that the Committee

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that

you

With every cordial good wish to Dr. Swearingen and yourself,

I am,

Most cordially yours,

MKB/L

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membership

March 5th, 1923.

Mrs. Lynn White,
San Anselmo, California.

My dear Mrs. White:-

It is a great pleasure that you have felt that you could accept the nomination for membership in the new Board of National Missions and I am looking forward with great pleasure to the opportunity of meeting with you from time to time as we shall sit on this Board.

Because of your knowledge of the california section and because of your keen interest in Home Missions, I feel that you will bring to us much that is of value.

These are busy and anxious days, and we find it necessary to move swiftly from one thing to another. Changes come not only daily, but apparently hourly, but at present my first interest is in seeing that the work in the mission field shall not suffer during the period of reorganisation.

With most cordial good wishes to Dr. White and yourself, I am,

Faithfully yours,

MKB/L

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member

Mrs F. S. Bennett,
New York. N. Y.

My dear Mrs Bennett;

Your letter of April sixteenth, received.

At present I plan to reach New York the morning of May first and will be most happy to attend the luncheon at 12:30 on that day. I will stop at the Pennsylvania Hotel while in the city.

Thanking you for your kind invitation I remain,

Most sincerely,

Mrs N. C. Belle C. Swaringen

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membership

March 5th, 1923.

Mrs. Seldon Spencer,
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Mrs. Spencer:-

It is a great pleasure to know that you have felt it possible to serve as a member of the new Board of National Missions and I am anticipating with much pleasure, knowing you and working with you in that Board.

We are still uncertain as to when the Charter will be obtained and when the Board will be called together, but I am sure that the Committee on Reorganization will give us so much notice as is possible.

With cordial anticipations of meeting you, I am,

Most cordially yours,

MKB/L

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March 5th, 1923.

Mrs. H.H. Seldomridge,
Colorado Springs, Colo.

My dear Mrs. Seldomridge:-

I want to tell you how very glad I am that you have felt it possible to accept membership in the new Board of National Missions. I am sure that you will find great joy in that service and I know the valuable help that you can give to this group because of your wide knowledge of your own section of the country and because of your keen interest in the cause of Home Missions.

These are busy and anxious days, and I am sure you will understand the brevity of my note.

Faithfully yours,

MKB/L

1015 North Nevada Avenue,
Colorado Springs, Colorado

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Mar 11/23

My dear Mrs. Bennett,

Thank you very much for your gracious note of March 5th, and for your telegram of Feb. 20th. Please pardon me for not acknowledging your wire, and accept my explanation for the tardiness. The night-letter from Mr. Conrad reached me first, saying I had been selected as one of the forty incorporators of the New Board of National

The responsibility in a way that will be satisfactory to the New Board and to my Saviour. I have written Mrs. Shelley for instructions and information, which I hope I shall soon receive because I need much help, stepping out in such a new and strange path, as you have asked me to take. Thanking you and the others again, very heartily and sincerely, I remain

Yours humbly
Irene B. Seldomridge

Mrs. H.H.

of the honor that has been bestowed upon me by this action. I feel overwhelmed by it and greatly humbled - but down deep in my heart there is a great joy. I can hardly realize though, that I am to be so closely associated with the group of grand women I have for so long a time so greatly admired from a distance. My earnest prayer is that I may be able to do the work and accept

Missions. Then came your wire saying you hoped I would accept the invitation that would reach me from the committee on reorganization. This I took to mean, that another communication from said committee would come to me, and so I waited for it before writing to you. Instead I have the wire from Miss Sheibley and your note of the 5th of this month. I cannot find words to adequately express my appreciation

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members

My dear Mrs Bennett. Yours of
april 16 recived - Fist of all I wish
to thank you for the very great
privilege of working on the Board
of Natural Missions. It is a very
great trust and I pray I may
not fail you or the great cause
It certainly will be very helpful

to discuss some of the problems that must surely face us, before meeting with the larger committee I am now planning to be at the Board rooms for luncheon My hotel address will be "The Pennsylvania."

Most Cordially

Mrs N. S. Lewis

1830 So. Woodland
Cleveland O

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membership

March 5th, 1923.

Mrs. Thomas Ferris,
411 Ferris Avenue,
Waxahachie, Texas.

My dear Mrs. Ferris:-

I cannot tell you what a great pleasure it is to know that you are to be a member of the new Board of National Missions and that we shall have the opportunity again of working together.

I feel that you have much to bring to this new Board because of your knowledge of your own section of the country and also because of your keen interest in the cause of missions.

We do not yet know when the Charter will be secured, nor when the new Board will hold its first meeting, but I am sure that the Committee on Reorganization will give us ample notice and I trust that the meeting will be called at a time when it will be possible for you to be with us.

With every cordial remembrance, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

MKB/L

Note change of address

Mch. 13th 1923.
411 Ferris Ave
Waxahachie.

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My dear Mrs. Bennett,—

I want to thank you for your letter of Mch 5th and tell you that the chief pleasure, next to the opportunity for service, will be the association with you.

When your telegram came several weeks ago — I meant then to have written you that you might know my desire to really be of service in the acceptance of this appointment — I feel it is a great responsibility.

We are in the midst of

moving from this little town, where Mr. Ferris was born and where he has lived always — to Dallas —

Our home is now under construction and by April 1st we will be living in Dallas — tho not settled in our own home by that time, however I want to give you the new home address, so that it may be permanent — and any mail addressed me there will always reach me — #3601 Beverly Drive, Dallas, Texas.

I expect to be in New York early in May for perhaps 10 days to do some buying through Miss Swift, for our home, and shall of course go into the

office at #156 Fifth Ave - just in the hope of seeing you and perhaps talking things over a bit.

I am most sincerely yours,

Dave M. Ferris -

New address -

Mr. Thos. R. Ferris

3601 Beverly Drive

Dallas - Texas.

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March 7, 1923.

Mrs. Robert P. Bates
17 Scott Street
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Bates:

It would be difficult for me to tell you how much I do appreciate your acceptance of membership on the new Board of National Missions and I trust that you will not feel that you have any reason at any time to regret the decision which you have made. I do not believe that meetings will ever come in such number or be of such length as to be a burden but the interest that comes into ones life through this association is choice and large.

I am anticipating with the greatest pleasure meeting you when the first call comes for a meeting of the new Board on which we are both to serve.

Believe me that I am

Very sincerely yours,

MKB:mk

President.

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MRS. ROBERT P. BATES
17 SCOTT STREET
SUPERIOR 4534
CHICAGO

March 1, 1923.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

I feel I owe you an explanation of my seeming lack of decision. To begin at the beginning and explain briefly-

When I received Mr. Conard's telegram on Feb. 21st, I talked with Mr. Bates and we both agreed that it must mean that I was to be given the great honor of being one of forty petitioners for the charter for the new Board. We thought there was nothing more involved. Dr. Stone was away and we could not consult him. I sent Mr. Conard a reply saying that I was "glad to be one of petitioners for incorporation of Board of National Missions".

Then came your telegram and I was quite overwhelmed. I need not repeat the message to Mr. Conard requesting a withdrawal of my name, nor the reply sent you declining the honor. It seemed to me out of the question- my being considered as a MEMBER of the Board.

When your second message came I consulted Mrs. McAfee who urged me to re-consider. When Dr. Stone finally reached home I talked with him, and after what must have seemed to you an inexcusable delay, I sent you my message of acceptance.

As you understand, this came to me as a great surprise, and frankly, my dear Mrs. Bennett, I feel strongly that some other woman who has been in the active service of the Board should have been chosen rather than myself who comes without experience to what seems to me a tremendous responsibility.

It comes to me as a very happy thought that I shall take my training under you.

With kindest regards and awaiting orders,

I am

Very sincerely yours,

Mary Lamoden Bates
(Mrs. Robert P.)

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membership

March 12, 1923.

Mrs. B.A. Hodges,
Temple, Texas.

My dear Mrs. Hodges:-

I was more than glad to have your letter of recent date saying that you felt that the appointment of Mrs. Ferris to membership in the new Board of National Missions would meet with the approval of the women of Texas. Certain groups of women were automatically eliminated from consideration, such as wives of Board officers and members, Synodical Presidents, etc as it was felt that this new Board which will meet but once a year should take in quite another group of people. All these appointments were in the hands of Dr. Stone's Committee on Reorganization although they courteously asked us for nominations. I do trust that such a Board has been secured as will conserve all the interests that have been built up through the many years of service.

We sometimes feel at New York that we are living in the midst of a whirlwind as there are so many meetings, and so many important things to be considered but I try to keep my main thought on the mission field itself and thus I can keep myself calm and patient. When all the readjusting is done I believe that the constituency and the mission field will feel the change but little; we at the centre will be living under different conditions. I know that every one is anxious to conserve the work of the women, and so I am sure that nothing will be done to sacrifice any part of it.

It is good news to know that Texas will close a <u>successful</u> year. We want to make a wonderful report this year to show that we are "standing by the stuff". I know we can count on your great state.

W.M.13

With every cordial good wish, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

I have just heard that Mrs. J. A. Ferris of Texas has been made a member of the National Board of Missions. I am very sorry over the news and our Women in this section will also be very pleas-

over the election. and the Board will find her to be a most capable member.

I feel it in my bones that Texas Synodical will close a very successful year. Continued good wishes to you.

I am, sincerely,

Mrs. B. A. Hodges
Syn. President.

Terrell Texas.
Mar. 1. 1923

FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JOHN TIMOTHY STONE, MINISTER
CHICAGO

CHURCH OFFICE
126 EAST CHESTNUT STREET
SUPERIOR 8450

GENERAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE
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By
WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

March Sixteenth
1923

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Miss Lucy H. Dawson,
Woman's Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Lucy:

Thank you for writing. I was so sorry not to see you when in New York the other day, but I had a most interesting visit with Mrs. Bennett. Thank you for your word as to the various members. We anticipated the difficulty in getting word to these members, and I think word has been sent to them. Although we have been aiming to be as expeditious as possible in this whole matter there have been many delaying difficulties. However, the sun is shining and we are trying to sing instead of sigh.

Affectionately,

J. Wright Stone

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SAN ANSELMO, CALIFORNIA

REV. LYNN TOWNSEND WHITE, D. D.
DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN SOCIOLOGY

March 17, 1923.

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Mrs. F.S.Bennett,
Woman's Board of Home Missions,
156 - 5th Ave.,
New York City.

My Dear Mrs. Bennett:

Your letter of March 5th has been received. It will be a great pleasure to me to serve on the Board of National Missions, though it is with much humility that I accept the nomination.

Pending action by the General Assembly, can you let me know when the Board is likely to meet, and what the agenda will be, in order that I may plan as definitely as possible now. Any suggestions from you will be most gratefully received.

I am looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you again, and of working with you in this needy field.

With warm personal regards and the best of good wishes, in which Mr. White joins, I am

Cordially yours,

Mary T. White

(Mrs. Lynn T.)

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March 29, 1913

To

(Street and No.)

(Place)

Miss Mary Ashby Cheek,
Kentucky College for Women,
Danville,
Kentucky

Too late to change name in charter STOP Advise you attend meeting on tenth and we will discuss future plans then.

M. Katharine Bennett

SENDER'S ADDRESS FOR REFERENCE

SENDER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER

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March 5th, 1923.

Miss Mary Ashby Cheek,
Kentuck College for Women,
Danville, Ky.

My dear Miss Cheek:-

I suppose now that you and I are to be on the new Board of National Missions together, I shall have to always remember- certainly in the presence of the brethren- to put aside the old familiar name and address you as above, but I cannot tell you how glad I am that you feel it possible to accept membership in the new Board of National Missions. It will be a great joy to have you serve with us again, and I feel that you will be able to bring much to this new group.

These are busy and anxious days just now, but my chief concern is that the work in the mission field shall not suffer during the time of reorganization.

With much love, I am always,

Faithfully yours,

MKB/L

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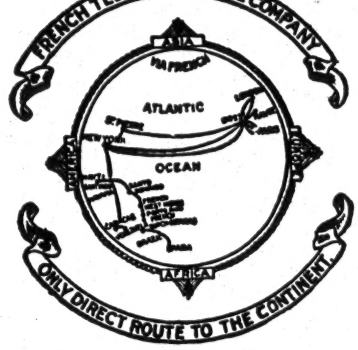

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APR 8 1923

MC L14 NICE 43 LCD MRS F S BENNETT HOMANS BOARD OF HOME
MISSIONS 156 FIFTH AVE NY

WILL ALLOW MY NAME TO STAND AS MEMBER OF NEW BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS IT WILL BE A GREAT PLEASURE AND FEEL MOST HIGHLY HONORED

MRS JOHN F DODGE

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Membership

March 7, 1923.

Mrs. John F. Dodge
Paris
France

My dear Mrs. Dodge:

I am wondering what you will think when the word reaches you in Europe that we have taken the liberty of suggesting your name as a member of the new Board of National Missions. I hope that you will accept this responsibility and will be as pleased to serve thereon as we should be to have you if you feel that you can hold this membership.

The new Board which will be made up of The General Board of Education, the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work, the Board of Missions for Freedmen, The Permanent Committee on Men's Work, The Board of Temperance and Moral Welfare, the Board of Home Missions, and the Woman's Board of Home Missions, will have on it twenty-five men and fifteen women and it is planned that the Board will meet but once a year staying in session for a number of days, the work in the interim being done by a local executive committee. The fifteen women have been chosen to represent the country at large and it is a great pleasure to hope that you will represent your section of the country when you have returned from abroad. Perhaps this will help to hasten you back because you will realize how much there is to do.

Very sincerely yours,

MKB:mk

President.

April 19-1923

my dear Mrs Lewis

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membership

April 23, 1923.

Mrs. N. Stanley Lewis
18301 S. Woodland Ave.
Shaker Heights,
Cleveland, O.

My dear Mrs. Lewis:

It was a great pleasure to me when the Board accepted my suggestion that you should be a member of the New National Board of Missions. I do feel that when one puts so much time and strength and interest in the cause of missions that some recognition of such service should be made if possible. I have known from my own observation and from that of others that you have been a power for Home Missions in your presbytery. Mrs. Lester and I were talking about it not long ago.

You know that Cleveland has not been very enthusiastic over Home Missions and naturally with the Higginbothams living in Cleveland it was almost impossible not to put an accent on Foreign Missions. However interest in Home Missions seems to be growing and that is encouraging.

I am very happy that you have accepted membership on the new Board. It is an honor and I congratulate you upon the opportunities that will be open to you for service.

With kindest regards to Mr. Lewis, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Secretary for Missionary Education.

you that I sincerely am pleased
for being appointed upon the
New Home Board- You certainly
had much courage. but I
will try not to fail you.
It is a large task. one that

call for our my best. I
will give that to this Task.
With our Heavenly Fathers guidance
We cannot fail in a larger
stronger Junior reaching organization
than before. Thank you all dear
friends for this trust you have
in me. I surely will see you
when at the meeting.

Very Sincerely
Grace C Lutz

its cleanliness. Visited the Museums and the Cathedrals at Antwerp and at Brussels. Have really had some very nice trips. I am in Nice now only for a week and then go on to London.

But in all my travels, I shall be thinking of the Work at Home and it is quite a temptation to return. It is going to be a great pleasure as well as privilege to be with you and to serve on the New Board.

With my sincerest good wishes to you and kind remembrances to Miss Dawson and the others,

Cordially Yours

May First. (Mrs J.F.) Matilda R Dodge

Detroit

68 Members.

VILLA MERCEDES
54, PROMENADE DES ANGLAIS
NICE

Dear Mrs Bennett.

It was a great pleasure to hear from you, and the message your letter brought, was a real surprise but a very pleasant one.

After thinking a great deal about how I could ever undertake such a responsibility I decided I would try, so I cabled to you saying that I would allow my name to stand as a member of our New Board of Missions. I am sure I

that I spent my week in the Hotel with my head bandaged. I left Rome a couple of days after Easter for Nice where I spent another couple of days unpacking for Paris. Mother and Sister had been with me for the Winter, and sailed in April so we had a little holiday in Paris before they left. Then I went to Holland and visited the Bulb-fields. The country was beautiful with its fresh new coat of green and its field of blossoms and especially refreshing to me after having been in France and Italy all Winter, and neither Country can boast of

shall be given the strength and I trust the wisdom to be of some real service in the work.

I appreciate so much the confidence you have in me. I regret exceedingly that I shall not be able to attend the meetings in May- but will be thinking of you all at that time. I trust they will be the best ever. And that a great deal of good will be the result.

Your letter was forwarded to me in Rome, where I had gone to spend Holy Week, but I was unfortunate enough to have to have a slight operation on my eyelid which meant

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MRS. ROBERT P. BATES
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May 12, 1923

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

I want to thank you for your kindness during my stay in New York. I have kept the proceedings of those days in mind, and I find myself thinking "When and where do I come in". One can see that you who have been members of going Boards can look ahead, but to those of us who have had no experience it is distinctly puzzling. But I shall possess my soul and await orders.

I was more than glad of the privilege ~~that~~ was mine in meeting so many of the fine women of your Board. Surely in the re-organization the work will go on

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just as it has gone all these years from New York without entailing the committees and groups that have developed in such a splendid way the work entrusted to the Womans Board -

I left a good-bye for you with Miss Dawson to whom I gave an invitation to be our guest at any time when she is in Chicago - That invitation I shall be glad to extend to other secretaries and to members of the Board - We have a house on a quiet street near the Lake, but very easy of access to the new Presbyterian headquarters -

Please give my warmest regards to Mrs. Reid, Miss Hyatt, -

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Mrs. Londenhough and Miss Agg - and
Thank Them for their cordial
hospitality to us all. I am won-
dering if they will be with you at
Indianapolis - a large number
of Chicago women are going - I should
like to go too, but I have some
pressing duties here the rest for
Lucy, and unless you summon
me, I shall not plan to go -

I like to think that in coming
on the "Woman's" Board of National
Missions I am going to be under
your leadership -

Yours very sincerely,
Mary Lowden Bates

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members.

June 7, 1923.

Mrs. Robert P. Bates
17 Scott Street
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Bates:

I am sure you know that I have been on the wing most of the time since your letter of May twelfth. The Assembly this year was a hard one in itself and there were more conferences than I had ever known before, so that the two weeks I spent in Indiana were crowded to the utmost. I came home pretty well played out and had to take a week to pull myself together.

It has been a great joy to know you and to know that we are to work together on the Board of National Missions. I am sure that you have received your announcement that you and I are the two women on the Personnel Committee for the new Board, so that I may hope to be brought into very intimate touch with you in this particular relationship.

I had hoped that I might see you in Chicago the latter part of next week as I shall pass through on my way to Monmouth, Illinois for the meeting of synod, but as I am on the first session of that program I find it will be necessary for me to go straight through. Possibly you will be at the meeting of synod and the synodical, but if not, and you are still in the city so late as the 22nd or 23rd of June, I shall hope that I may have a little time with you on the return trip.

Thank you very much indeed for your cordial invitation to make your home our headquarters when we pass through Chicago. That is a most tempting invitation and I trust that we shall not abuse it to such an extent that you will find it necessary to recall it.

With every hope of seeing you somewhere, somehow within the next ten days, I am

Most cordially yours,

President

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Members.

June 7, 1923.

Mrs. J. F. Dodge
Grosse Point, Detroit
Michigan.

My dear Mrs. Dodge:

I feel that in writing a letter to you I am flinging out a radio into the atmosphere hoping that it may be picked up by your apparatus. I shall send this to Detroit trusting that it will, in the course of time, go on to you, for I feel sure that the address at Nice from which you wrote is probably not now your abiding place.

It is a very great pleasure to know that you are a member of the Board of National Missions and that we are to be associated in this work. Of course we wish you were with us now in these busy days of reorganization, but I am sure I need not tell you that there will be plenty to do when you do return and we shall all then be calling upon you for many responsibilities. It is a simple matter to draw up an ideal plan for reorganization; it is quite another thing to make out of that ideal plan a working organization. Dr. Stone and his committee feel that they had the hard end of this, but personally I feel that the hard end has come to us who are forced to translate their thoughts into work. It will not all be accomplished when you get back, I am sure. The Executive Committee met the other day but really got no further than to appoint sub-committees which are to work throughout the summer. After those sub-committees have done their work there will be late in September another meeting of the sub-committees to hear these reports which will be made to a meeting of the whole Board, also meeting the last part of September. The business is such a big one that things have moved much more slowly than we might wish that they did, but this is the very best that we can do. I know that far away in Europe you do not wish to be burdened with details, especially as you cannot yet have the background for it all.

We hope that you are having a very wonderful time and storing up health and energy for a very large service when you return to us.

With most cordial greetings, I am, now and always,

Faithfully yours,

President

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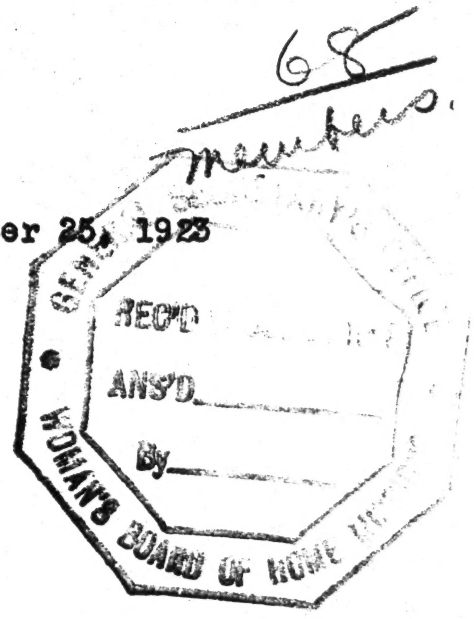
BOARD OF ADMISSION

October 25, 1923



Miss Mabel Sheibley,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

My dear Miss Sheibley:

Thank you very much for the interesting document and map which have come this morning. I am very glad to have them and shall read them carefully.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary Ashby Cheek

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Sent to 15 women who are asked to form new & smaller

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Per file

Woman's Board of Home Missions
of the
Presbyterian Church in the United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

April 2, 1924.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
149 Dwight Place,
Englewood, N.J.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

You are fully familiar with the plan that after the meeting of General Assembly in May next there shall be a small Woman's Board of Home Missions, which shall have responsibility for the property, permanent funds and investments of that Board and which shall meet from time to time to take such action relative to these as may be necessary.

It is the hope that there may be allowed as many as fifteen women and that the privilege of suggesting names to the Assembly may be given the women: we are therefore making ready for possibilities, and I am instructed to ask you - an instruction that I fulfill with the greatest pleasure - if your name may be included in this list?

Meetings would be infrequent - just how often they would come it is impossible to say - but they would be important and we crave your continued help. Please do send me an affirmative reply, even though I must make it very clear that Assembly has not asked us for this list - that we are only being forehanded and prepared to conserve our forces.

I am

Most cordially yours,

Mrs. Allen
Baucker
Bennett
Cobb
Craw
Corning
Hallock
Harper
Heylman
Hopper
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